

Elgin Annual Track Meet Will Be Held Saturday, April 8th.

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Mistletoe Pickups

We are having some spring weather now. Some of the fruit trees are in bloom. No one in this community has commenced to plant corn. We are wondering who will be the first to plant.

John Montgomery lost a nice mare last Tuesday night with the colic.

Mrs. Bowman was a business visitor in Lawton Monday.

A. B. Sperling and family took dinner at the J. T. McCraw home Sunday.

We have had some severe sand storms the past week. A good rain would lay this dust and help everything.

Sunday school numbered 46 last Sunday morning and a good crowd was out at singing in the afternoon. Remember that there will be preaching next Saturday night and Sunday.

Ray and Loren McCraw drove to Marlow last Friday afternoon where they visited at the home of Mr. Mundell until Sunday.

Charley Sperling went to Lawton Friday and drove home in a new Maxwell car which he had bought.

J. W. Golden and wife visited at the home of his father last Sunday.

A number of people from this district attended church at Cannon last Sunday.

Grandma Bentley has been on the sick list the past few days.

Ernest King left Monday morning for Kansas where he expects to stay for several months.

Last Saturday night while the young people gave Ernest King a surprise the old people marched in on the Lake brothers and

High School Athletics.

What is in the mind of every boy or girl athlete? Is it merely to enjoy a game of basket ball and win applause for his school, class or himself? All this is not in vain, for incidentally the boy is gaining for himself much that will be of value to him in later life, besides the pleasures of the moment and the championship banners for which he strains every effort and runs every risk.

But such an aim is not all there is in an athletic contest. It is true every boy or girl cannot help but feel more or less enthusiastic and naturally wants to win, but every athlete should be able to receive these banners and prizes unconditionally; they should learn to meet success without being "puffed up," and oh! the hardest of all lessons, must learn to be a cheerful loser and meet defeat with a smiling face.

But this is not all that people should wish to accomplish in dealing with high school athletics. The physical body is the one main purpose. What are all the banners and prizes compared to the health and vigor one gains in dealing with athletics?

Also one must be loyal to your fellow workers, loyal to your teacher and loyal to your school. Athletics bring you closer to your classmates, and closer to your teacher. Who does not feel a thrill of joy and pride when one of your school throws a goal in a game of basket ball or wins in an athletic contest of any kind, because all are interested and working for the one common thing, the uplifting of the school.

(Editor's Note—The above was

LUMBER

Are you going to build a house, a barn, a granary or a building of any kind this year? If so, let us figure the lumber bill. We have the quality and price that will suit and please you.

D. E. McAnaw

On The Elgin Routes.

Lee May of route 3, who is considerably afflicted with rheumatism, went to Lawton again Thursday for treatment.

H. E. Miller and family of route 4 left Friday morning for a short visit with his sister in Oklahoma City, after which they will leave for the state of Wyoming where they will locate, he having drawn a farm there last fall.

Mrs. T. T. Myers of route A received word Monday that her father, John A. Bush, died Friday at Plainville, Ind., and was buried Sunday.

J. H. Northcutt is a new patron on route 2.

E. R. King of route 2 left Monday on his motorcycle for Clearwater, Kan., where he will remain, working as an engineer.

Len Morton of Elgin visited Sunday with S. Spilner of route 2.

J. E. Schumann of Zella township, one of the route 2 patrons, was a business caller in Elgin Monday.

O. H. Putney of route 3 returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma City.

A new house is being erected on the place where W. E. Murray lives on route A.

Poultry Meeting.

The Members of the Elgin Poultry Association will hold a meeting at 2:30 o'clock next Saturday afternoon. Some of the members will give some talks on subjects of interest to all. Every member of the association should be present as among other things the show for next fall will be discussed.

CHAMPION ads get results.

Business Session Held.

The second quarterly meeting of the Elgin-Geronimo circuit was held at Beaver Bend Monday night with Supt. Collins presiding. H. P. Wettengel was elected secretary.

H. P. Wettengel was approved as president of the Epworth League at Elgin and Mrs. H. P. Wettengel was approved as president of the Elgin ladies aid.

The pastor's report showed that he had preached 30 times and made 90 pastoral calls during the quarter. Also that by doing so he had been at home only one fourth of the time.

The church finances were reported to be in just fair shape, though Hulen has paid more for pastoral support during the first five months of this conference year than it paid all last year.

Some new officers were added to the boards of stewards as follows: H. P. Wettengel and Mrs. H. P. Wettengel at Elgin; P. B. Shotts at Beaver Bend; Theo. Ketels and Mrs. Theo. Ketels at Hulen; Mrs. Boone at Geronimo.

A finance committee for the church was appointed as follows: W. W. Brunsell, Elgin, Mrs. E. Venable, Fielding Hankins and Mrs. Dick Hankins at Geronimo.

Hulen was selected as the place for the net meeting.

Rev. Rock To Preach.

Rev. C. A. Rock, who was pastor last year of the Methodist church at Apache, will preach in the Methodist church here Sunday morning, March 26. Most of our citizens heard Rev. Rock preach here during the revival meeting last year and will be glad of an opportunity to hear him again.

Given A Warning.

There were two games of basket ball played on the Elgin school grounds Saturday afternoon between the grade teams of the Fletcher and Elgin schools, and the local teams defeated the visitors in both games. The score in the girls' game stood 12 to 2 and in the boys' game 14 to 3.

The Fletcher players and rooters came down on the noon train and expected to return on the 3:35 train but they were loading around the stores when the train pulled in and let it go off without them, so they had to hire two cabs to take them home.

The Elgin players were: boys, Ruel Wolcott, Paul Rose, Ray Stone, J. W. Hinds, Wendell Wettengel; girls, Rosa Mae Moore, Agnes Horstman, Gladys Choens, Braddie Abbott, Elva Shirk and Inez Wiggins.

Plenty Of Corn.

The government estimate of the amount of corn held by Oklahoma farmers on March 1, 1916, is 37,200,000 bushels as compared with 10,000,000 bushels one year ago and 9,405,000 two years ago.

In the United States the estimate for March 1, this year is 1,140,000,000 bushels compared with 910,895,000 one year ago.

The price in Oklahoma is given as 59 cents and 83 cents one year ago. In the United States 68.2 cents this year and 75.1 cents one year ago.

From these figures it can be seen that there will be no trouble to buy corn in Oklahoma this summer and those who have to buy can get it at a figure where they can afford to buy it.

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Poultry Paragraphs.

In a letter which R. R. Farmer received last week from his mother, who lives down toward Dallas, Tex., she states that she has been getting 36 dozen eggs per day from her flock of hens. This would fill up about eight and one half egg cases per week.

Mrs. Frank Dolzal states that she has sold nearly \$100.00 worth of full blood chickens this spring.

Many people have not discovered yet that the low per cent. of fertility in the winter laid eggs is due to the inactivity of the cocks during the cold weather. A cock should not be mated to more than half as many hens in cold weather to get fertile eggs as in warm weather.

Begin to prepare now for the poultry shows next fall so you will have your cockerels and pullets up to the standard weights and not be graded off or disqualified for underweight.

Date Changed.

The date for the track meet in Elgin has been changed from Saturday, April 1, to Saturday, April 8. It will be held in W. D. Pugh's pasture where a circular track will be constructed and every thing put in fine shape to secure best results.

Some Transfers.

There were a number of real estate transfers in Elgin Tuesday. The merchants and housewives secured title to more of it than they wanted. A strong wind from the north kept every thing movable in a constant turmoil.

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gave them a surprise: all report a nice time at both places.

Fergus and Pearl Sparlin visited Cora Lee last Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. McCraw visited Mrs. Beam last Wednesday.

M. F. Richardson and wife and T. A. Spencer and wife were callers in Lawton last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ford, who has been sick, is better at this writing.

Charley Sperling and family and Mr. Wade's family visited at the home of Tom Sperling last Sunday.

Most all the men of this locality have signed up with the oil men. I suppose there will be a well put down right away.

Dr. Gamble was called out to see Hattie Jones last Thursday night; she is able to be up now.

Yes, He Did.

Just recently a man who lives not more than a thousand miles from Elgin was putting up a building. One of his family went to a city and bought five windows to go into said building. A day or two later the man came to Elgin and priced windows, finding that he could get them 30 cents cheaper for the same windows than was paid for the five in the city.

What did he do? Well he bought five windows in Elgin, took them home with him and returned the five to the city, thus saving \$1.50 in the deal. This is the only one of the many savings that are made by people who come to Elgin rather than to have the name of going to a big place to trade.

It will pay you every time to investigate in Elgin before you go elsewhere. Our merchants have no big paying taxes, water works, electric lights, sewers, high priced city officials, and other big expenses that the city merchants have to meet, so can and do sell at a lower rate.

written by one of the Freshman students in the Elgin High School and from time to time we will publish short themes by the students, as we believe they will prove interesting to some of our readers.)

New Ruling On Eggs.

The postoffice department has put out a new ruling on shipping eggs by parcel post. They must be packed, each egg to itself and wrapped in excelsior or similar substance so they will be held firm in the container, and the package of eggs must be transmitted outside the mail pouch.

This makes it so that to ship eggs by parcel post is just as safe as any other way of transportation. By not putting them in the pouch or sack, they must be carried in the hands. And they cannot have other mail pouches stacked upon them like when they are inside, which caused most of the breaking.

Following are the rates:
2 pounds up to 150 miles, 6c.
1 cent for each pound extra.
2 pounds up to 300 miles, 8c.
2 cents for each pound extra.

Negative Side Won.

In the debate at Mistletoe Friday night, "Resolved, That Immigration is a Detriment to the United States," the negative side won, though two of the affirmative speakers were absent and this made it rather one-sided.

The debaters were: affirmative, Sam Montgomery, J. T. Dotson; negative, Elmer Kitzmiller, Waldo Wettengel, T. A. Spencer, and A. B. Sperling.

The question next Friday evening will be on the government ownership of railroads.

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